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Weſtminſter, December 21.

THIS Day His Majeſty came to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Knt. Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for continuing, and granting to His Majeſty, certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, for the Service of the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight.

An Act for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters.

An Act for the free Importation of Indian Corn, or Maize, from any of His Majeſty's Colonies in America, for a Time therein limited.

An Act to indemnify ſuch Perſons as have omitted to qualify themſelves for Offices and Employments, within the Time limited by Law; and for allowing further Time for that Purpoſe; and to indemnify Members and Officers, in Cities, Corporations, and Borough Towns, whoſe Admiſſions have been omitted to be ſtamped according to Law, or, having been ſtamped, have been loſt or miſlaid; and for allowing them Time to provide Admiſſions duly ſtamped.

An Act to explain, amend and render more effectual, an Act paſſed in the Seventh Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to explain, amend, and reduce into One Act of Parliament, the ſeveral Statutes now in Being, for the Amendment and Preſervation of the Publick Highways of this Kingdom, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

An Act to enlarge and vary the Term and Powers of an Act for repairing and widening the Road from the Weſt End of Thames-ſtreet in the City of Oxford, over Botley Cauſeway, to the Turnpike Road near Fifield in the County of Berks; and to provide more effectually for repairing and widening the ancient Horſe Road, from the Weſt End of Botley Cauſeway, to Witney in the County of Oxford.

An Act for amending, widening, and keeping in Repair, ſeveral Roads, leading to and through the Town of Goudhurſt in the County of Kent.

And to Seven private Bills.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 21, 1767.

ORDERS for the Court's going out of Mourning on Sunday next the 27th Inſtant, for his late Royal Highneſs Edward-Auguſtus Duke of York, next Brother to His Majeſty; and alſo for her late moſt Serene Highneſs Louiſa-Dorothea, Conſort of the Reigning Duke of Saxe-Gotha.

Note, That the Mourning for the late Arch-Dutcheſs Maria-Joſepha, Daughter of the Empreſs Queen, ended on Saturday the 12th Inſtant.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, December 22, 1767.

HIS Majeſty, in Compaſſion to ſuch Manufacturers and People in Trade, as, by the Length of Court Mournings, are, in this Time of General Scarcity and Dearneſs of Proviſions, deprived, in a great Meaſure, of the Means of getting Bread, hath been pleaſed to give Directions for Shortening all ſuch Mournings for the Future: And the Lord Chamberlain's Orders for Court Mournings will be iſſued hereafter conformably thereto.

HERTFORD.

St. James's, December 15.

AS ſeveral Artificers and Manufacturers, Subjects of Great Britain, have, from Time to Time, gone into Foreign Countries to exerciſe their ſeveral Callings, contrary to the Laws of theſe Kingdoms; The following Abſtracts of Two Acts of Parliament of George the Firſt and George the Second, to prevent ſuch Practices, are publiſhed for the Information of all Perſons who may be ignorant of the Penalties they may incur by Diſobedience to them.—And it will be obſerved, that they extend to thoſe who are any ways concerned or inſtrumental in the Sending or Enticing Artificers or Manufacturers out of theſe Kingdoms, and in the Exportation of the Tools and Inſtruments uſed by them, as well as to the Artificers or Manufacturers themſelves.

Statute 5 George I. *Chap.* 27.

IF any Perſon ſhall contract with, entice, or ſolicit, any Artificer in Wool, Iron, Steel, Braſs, or other Metal, Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer of Great Britain, to go into Foreign Countries out of the King's Dominions, and ſhall be convicted thereof upon Indictment or Information, in any of the Courts at Weſtminſter, or at the Aſſizes or Quarter-Seſſions, he ſhall be fined any Sum not exceeding ONE HUNDRED POUNDS for the firſt Offence, and ſhall be impriſoned Three Months, and till the Fine be paid. And if any Perſon having been once convict, ſhall offend again, he ſhall be fined at the Diſcretion of the Court, and impriſoned Twelve Months, and till the Fine be paid.

If any of the King's Subjects, being ſuch Artificers, ſhall go into any Country out of His Majeſty's Dominions, to exerciſe or teach the ſaid

ſaid Trades to Foreigners; and if any of the King's Subjects in any ſuch Foreign Country, exerciſing any of the ſaid Trades, ſhall not return into this Realm within Six Months after Warning given by the Ambaſſador, Miniſter or Conſul of Great Britain, in the Country where ſuch Artificers ſhall be, or by any Perſon authorized by ſuch Ambaſſador, &c. or by one of the Secretaries of State, and from thenceforth inhabit within this Realm; ſuch Perſon ſhall be incapable of taking any Legacy, or of being an Executor, or Adminiſtrator, and of taking any Lands, &c. within this Kingdom by Deſcent, Deviſe, or Purchaſe; and ſhall forfeit all Lands, Goods, &c. within this Kingdom to His Majeſty's Uſe, and ſhall be deemed Alien, and out of His Majeſty's Protection.

Upon Complaint made upon Oath before any Juſtice of Peace, that any Perſon is endeavouring to ſeduce any ſuch Artificer, or that any ſuch Artificer hath contracted, or is preparing to go out of His Majeſty's Dominions, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; ſuch Juſtice may ſend his Warrant to bring the Perſon complained of before him, or before ſome other Juſtice; and if it ſhall appear by the Oath of one Witneſs, or by Confeſſion, that he was guilty of any of the ſaid Offences, ſuch Juſtice may bind him to appear at the next Aſſizes or Quarter Seſſions: And if ſuch Perſon ſhall refuſe to give Security, the Juſtice may commit him to Gaol till the next Aſſizes or Quarter Seſſions, and until he ſhall be delivered by due Courſe of Law. And if any ſuch Artificer ſhall be convict upon Indictment of any ſuch Promiſe, Contract, or Preparation to go beyond the Seas for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, he ſhall give ſuch Security to the King, not to depart out of His Majeſty's Dominions, as ſuch Court ſhall think reaſonable, and ſhall be impriſoned till Security given.

If any of the above Offences ſhall be committed in Scotland, the ſame ſhall be proſecuted in the Court of Juſticiary, or the Circuits there.

Statute 23*d.* George IId. *Chap.* 13.

IF any Perſons ſhall contract with, or endeavour to ſeduce any Artificer in Wool, Mohair, Cotton or Silk, or in Iron, Steel, Braſs, or other Metal, or any Clock-maker, Watch-maker, or any other Artificer in any other of the Manufactures of Great-Britain or Ireland, to go out of this Kingdom or Ireland, into any foreign Country, not within the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain, and ſhall be convicted upon Indictment or Information in the King's Bench at Weſtminſter, or by Indictment at the Aſſizes or General Gaol Delivery for the County, &c. wherein ſuch Offence ſhall be committed in England, or by Indictment in the Court of Juſticiary, or any of the Circuit Courts in Scotland; or by Indictment or Information in the King's Bench at Dublin, if ſuch Offence be committed in Ireland; the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall, for every Artificer contracted with, or ſeduced, forfeit FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, and ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment in the common Gaol of the Country or Stewartry wherein ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, for Twelve Calendar Months, and until Forfeiture be paid: And in Caſe of a ſubſequent Offence of the ſame Kind, the Perſons ſo again offending ſhall forfeit, for every Perſon contracted with or ſeduced, ONE THOUSAND POUNDS, and ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment in the common Gaol of the County or Stewartry wherein ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, for Two Years, and until ſuch Forfeiture be paid.

If any Perſon in Great Britain or Ireland ſhall put on Board any Ship or Boat not bound directly to ſome Port in Great Britain or Ireland, or to ſome other of the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain, any ſuch Tools or Utenſils as are commonly uſed in, or proper for the Preparing, Working up or Finiſhing of the Woollen or Silk Manufactures, or any Part of ſuch Tools, he ſhall for every Offence forfeit all ſuch Tools, or Parts thereof, put on Board, and TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered by Action of Debt, &c. in any Court of Record at Weſtminſter, or in the Court of Seſſion in Scotland, or at any of the Four Courts in Dublin reſpectively, wherein no Eſſoin, &c. ſhall be allowed.

It ſhall be lawful for any Officer of the Cuſtoms in Great Britain, and for any Officer of the Revenue in Ireland, to ſeize and ſecure, in ſome of His Majeſty's Warehouſes, all ſuch Tools or Utenſils prohibited to be exported, as ſuch Officer ſhall find on Board any Veſſel not bound directly to ſome Port in Great Britain or Ireland, or to ſome other of the Dominions of the Crown of Great Britain; and all Tools ſo ſeized ſhall, after Condemnation, be publickly ſold to the beſt Bidder; and one Moiety of the Produce ſhall be to the Uſe of His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to the Officer who ſhall ſeize and ſecure the ſame.

If the Captain of any Veſſel in Great Britain or Ireland knowingly permit any of the ſaid Tools, prohibited to be exported, to be put on Board his Veſſel, he ſhall for every ſuch Offence forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as the Penalties inflicted upon Perſons exporting the Tools; and if the Veſſel belongs to His Majeſty, the Captain ſhall not only forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, but ſhall alſo forfeit his Employment, and be incapable of any Employment under His Majeſty.

If any Officer of the Cuſtoms in Great Britain, or of the Revenue in Ireland, take, or knowingly ſuffer to be taken, any Entry outward, or ſign any Cocket or Sufferance for the Shipping or Exporting of any of the ſaid Tools, or knowingly ſuffer the ſame to be done, he ſhall forfeit ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, to be recovered as aforeſaid, and alſo forfeit his Office, and be incapable of any Office under His Majeſty.

One Moiety of the Forfeitures ſhall be applied to the Uſe of His Majeſty, and the other Moiety to the Uſe of the Perſon who ſhall ſue for the ſame.

Dreſden, December 7. Laſt Thurſday was the Adminiſtrator's Name-day; but the Court, to avoid receiving the Compliments uſual on ſuch an Occaſion, went early in the Morning to hunt wild Boars in the Neighbourhood of this Place. Afterwards the Electoral Family dined at a Villa about two Engliſh Miles diſtant from hence, and returned in the Evening to aſſiſt at an Opera intitled, Il Trionfo della fedelta; both the Muſick and Words of which were compoſed by her Royal Highneſs the Electreſs Dowager.

Liſbon, December 9. On the 4th inſtant this Court went into Mourning for Twenty Days for his late Royal Highneſs the Duke of York; and, on the 5th, Orders were iſſued for continuing the Mourning for the Term of one Month for the late Archdutcheſs Maria Joſepha.

Berlin, December 12. Prince Henry of Pruſſia is expected here from his Country-Seat at Rhinſberg on the 16th, and his Pruſſian Majeſty from Potzdam on the 20th Inſtant, when the

the Diverſions of the Carnival will immediately begin.

Copenhagen, December 12. A Company of Artillery is already poſted upon the Ramparts, in order to be ready to fire the Cannon the Inſtant of her Majeſty's happy Delivery.

M. de Schindel has been appointed Adjutant-General to the King, and a conſiderable Promotion made in the Marine.

Whitehall, December 22, 1767.

Whereas it hath been humbly repreſented to the King, That, on the Night of the 28th of November laſt, a Saſh Window, in the Houſe of James Poole, Eſq; at Taunton in Somerſetſhire, was forcibly raiſed, and a Quantity of Gunpowder thrown into the Room, at the ſame Inſtant that a ſmall Quantity was ſet Fire to on the Window Sill, with an Intention, as is ſuppoſed, to communicate with the Gunpowder that was thrown into the Room, by which Means conſiderable Damage muſt have been done to the Houſe: His Majeſty, for the diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned therein, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Perſon who actually threw the Gunpowder into the ſaid Room, and ſet Fire to ſome on the Window Sill) who ſhall diſcover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he, ſhe, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SHELBURNE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, I the ſaid James Poole do hereby promiſe a Reward of Thirty Pounds *to any Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid (except as before excepted;) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.*

Whitehall, December 22, 1767.

Whereas it hath been humbly repreſented to the King, That on the 15th of this Inſtant December, a threatening Note was dropped in the Entrance into the Houſe of Mr. John Cole, of Taunton in Somerſetſhire, containing the Words following:

"Every damned Wiggiſh Scoundrel that does "not Vote for Popham, ſhall have his Throat cut "by Chriſtmas Day next."

His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſon or Perſons concerned in Writing the ſaid threatening Note, is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, (except the Perſon who actually wrote the ſaid threatening Note) who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he, ſhe, or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

SHELBURNE.

And, as a farther Encouragement, I the ſaid John Cole do hereby promiſe a Reward of Twenty Pounds *to any Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, (except as before excepted) to be paid on the Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.*

East-India Houſe, November 18, 1767.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies do hereby give Notice, That a Quarterly General Court of the ſaid Company will be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-Street, on Wedneſday the 23d of December next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

That the Tranſfer Books of the ſaid Company's Stock will be ſhut on Thurſday the 3d Day of December next, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thurſday the 7th of January following.

And that the Dividend Warrants on the ſaid Stock, due the 5th Day of January next, will be ready to be delivered on Wedneſday the 3d Day of February following.

East-India Houſe, December 4, 1767.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Quarterly General Court of the ſaid Company (advertiſed as above) to be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet on Wedneſday the 23d Inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, is to be on ſpecial Affairs.

Ramſgate Harbour, December 10, 1767.

The Truſtees for enlarging and maintaining the ſaid Harbour do hereby give Notice, that at a General Meeting of the Truſtees held this Day, according to Notice given in the London Gazette, for taking into Conſideration the laying ſome further Duties upon Shipping, agreably to the Powers given them in an Act of Parliament made in the 22d Year of His late Majeſty's Reign, the following Reſolution was taken, to wit, that from and after the 21ſt Day of July next enſuing, each Veſſel of 20 Tons Burthen and upwards, and not exceeding 300 Tons, ſhall pay 3 d. $\frac{3}{4}$ per Ton, inſtead of 3 d. now paid; that Veſſels of upwards of 300 Tons ſhall pay 1 d. $\frac{1}{4}$ inſtead of 1 d. and that 1 d. $\frac{7}{8}$ be paid for every Chaldron of Coals and Ton of Stone, inſtead of 1 d $\frac{1}{2}$.

John Scott, *Secretary.*

Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of Expoſed and Deſerted Young Children, December 22, 1767.

Notice is hereby given, That the ſtated Quarterly General Meeting of the Corporation of the Governors and Guardians of this Hoſpital, appointed by the Charter, will be held at the ſaid Hoſpital, on Wedneſday the 30th Inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning; when all the ſaid Governors and Guardians are deſired to be preſent. Of which Meeting this Notice is given purſuant to Act of Parliament.

T. Collingwood, *Secretary.*

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Thomas Cuddon, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn, Chancery-Lane, A Freehold Farm at Kingſclear in the County of Southampton, lately rented by William Taylor at 15l. 10s. a Year, and the Timber growing thereon: The Farm and ſufficient Timber for Repairs, and many young Oaks, Elms, and Aſhes, in Lot 1; and 167 Oak Trees, by Computation containing upwards of 6100 Feet of Timber, 11 Elms upwards of 400 Feet, and 174 Aſhes upwards of 2370 Feet, in Lot 2. Particulars whereof, and Conditions of Sale, may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Samuel Pechell, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, A Leaſehold Meſſuage or Tenement, and Garden, with two Coach-Houſes and Stables, ſituate in Mear-Street in Hackney in the County of Middleſex, let to Joſeph Spackman at 42l. a Year: Alſo Fifty Shares in the Company for Smelting down Lead with Pit and Sea Coal, late Part of the Eſtate of Arthur Woolley, Eſq; deceaſed. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery-Lane, London.

THE Creditors under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt William Biſhop, late of the Pariſh of Clifton in the County of Glouceſter, Dealer in Coffee and Wine, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees on the 15th Day of January next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Houſe of Mathew Meaſe, Vintner, known by the Name of the Nag's Head Tavern in Wine-ſtreet, Briſtol, then and there to aſſent to diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees releaſing the Fee and Equity of Redemption of certain Premiſſes, Part of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, to the Mortgagee thereof; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Iſaac Reynous, late of Mortimer-Street in the Pariſh of St. Mary le Bonne in the County of Middleſex, Broker, Dealer and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, on Thurſday next the 24th inſtant, at Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Horn Tavern in Fleet-Street, in order to aſſent or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity touching the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; or compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matters in Diſpute relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt John Croſs Dowding, of the City of Bath in the County of Somerſet, Tinman, Brazier, and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, on Monday the 11th Day of January next, between the Hours of Eleven in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of John Mills, known by the Name of the Buſh Tavern in the City of Briſtol, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; and alſo to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded and iſſued forth againſt Anthony Merry, of Lawrence-Pountney-Lane, London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners in the ſaid Commiſſion named, or the major Part of them,